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SUBJ: TRIESTE DAILY HIGHLIGHTS TITO'S RECENT SUMMIT

MEETING AT IGALO

1. IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE FEBRUARY 8, TRIESTE DAILY "IL PICCOLO" (CIRCULATION: 56,000) HIGHLIGHTS RECENT "MYSTERIOUS" SUMMIT MEETING OF TITO, ZARKOVIC, DOANC AND KARDELJ AT IGALO ON MONTENEGRO COAST. "IL PICCOLO" SPECULATES THAT PRESENCE OF TITO'S TOP LIEUTENANTS INDICATES THAT MORE WAS DISCUSSED THAN JUST SUCCESSION OF PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC WHO DIED JANUARY 18 AND THAT IN FACT POST-TITO YUGOSLAVIA WAS SUBJECT.

2. NEWSPAPER NOTES THAT IN 1977 THERE WILL BE MANY CHANGES FOR

YUGOSLAVIA AT YEAR'S END SINCE THE LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS WILL BE REPLACED INVOLVING ALMOST A MILLION PEOPLE. AS FOR TITO, WHEN THE TIME COMES, "ILPICCOLO" POINTS OUT THAT HE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A COLLEGIAL PRESIDENCY WITH ROTATIONAL PRESIDENTS. IL PICCOLO, HOWEVER, UNDERLINES THAT THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS FOR SUCCESSORS TO THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT TITLES HELD BY TITO:

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS AND COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES.

3. BOTH KARDELJ AND DOANC ARE SLOVENES WHICH AS SEEN FROM TRIESTE MAY CREATE SOME DIFFICULTIES OF POLITICAL BALANCE IF BOTH ASPIRE TO HIGHER OFFICE. AS FOR LOCAL SLOVENE UNION (SU) GROUP IN THE TRIESTEE AREA, IT PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO THE ARTICLE. LOCAL LEADERS SAY THAT AS FAR AS THEY KNOW THROUGH

THEIR CONTACTS IN SLOVENIA THINGS ARE QUIET IN YUGOSLAVIA.  
ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER, THE SLOVENES CONTINUE TO EXCLUDE  
LIKELIHOOD OF DIRECT INTERVENTION BY THE SOVIET UNION AFTER  
TITO BUT INDICATE THEIR CONCERN ABOUT THE PERNICIOUS IMPACT  
THE ONGOING SERBIA-CROATIA DISPUTE COULD HAVE ON YUGOSLAV  
UNITY AND ABILITY TO RESIST.

4. AS FOR IO, THEY SAY HIS HEALTH REMAINS GOOD. BUT IN  
VIEW OF HIS AGE EVEN REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS ARE A REAL

CHORE FOR HIM. MOEN.

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